



Minutes Public Art/Art in Private Development Committee Subcommittee of Tempe Municipal Arts Commission February 26, 2008

Minutes of the Public Art/AIPD Committee meeting that took place at 5 p.m. on Feb. 26, 2008, in the Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Betsy Fahlman – Chair
Lise Hawkos
Shirlee King

(MEMBERS) Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Elizabeth Lagman, Public Art Specialist
Rachael A. Peterson, Cultural Services Division Admin.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to order

Betsy Fahlman called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Double Butte Cemetery Public Art Project and Budget

- B. Fahlman announced that she had met with the Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Committee to discuss the possibility of sending out an RFP for a public art piece to be added to the Double Butte Cemetery with a budget not to exceed \$100,000. Fahlman explained that the budget will allow for a high-quality piece.
- Shirlee King affirmed that the budget was appropriate for the project.
- B. Fahlman stated that the Double Butte Cemetery Call to Artists will be a national call.
- B. Fahlman recommended that Shawn Wagner, city of Tempe Double Butte Cemetery Staff Liaison, participate in the pending Double Butte Cemetery Public Art Project Panel Review.
- B. Fahlman expressed an excitement for the collaborative process that is going to occur between the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission and the Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Committee. B. Fahlman asked the cemetery committee members to define their values and think about what they would like to see in the cemetery.

MOTION: Lise Hawkos moved to approve the Double Butte Public Art Project and Budget.

SECOND: Shirlee King seconded.

DECISION: Double Butte Public Art Project and Budget approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Library Renovation Public Art Budget

- Elizabeth Lagman proposed adding \$20,000 of Percent for Art Program funding to the Tempe Public Library Renovation Public Art Project Budget. Additional funding will be used to support a design team. The total budget for the Library Renovation Project, with proposed funding, is \$100,000.

MOTION: Lise Hawkos moved to approve the Library Renovation Project Budget.

SECOND: Shirlee King seconded.

DECISION: Library Renovation Project Budget approved.

Agenda Item 4 – Museum Renovation Public Art Budget

- E. Lagman proposed adding \$40,000 of Percent for Art Program funding to the Tempe Historical Museum Renovation Public Art Project Budget. Additional funding will be used to support a design team. The total budget for the Museum Renovation Project, with proposed funding, is \$75,000.

MOTION: Shirlee King moved to approve the Museum Renovation Project Budget.

SECOND: Lise Hawkos seconded.

DECISION: Museum Renovation Project Budget approved.

- E. Lagman stated that the Tempe Historical Museum Public Art Project Call for Work will be forwarded to the Public Art/AIPD Committee upon its completion.

Agenda Item 5 – Public Art/AIPD Update

- E. Lagman announced that artist Carl Cheng is restoring “Tilted Landscape.” Cheng removed all loose flagstone pieces and hopes to highlight the piece using additional lighting. A temporary fence has been placed around the piece in the planting mote to ensure public safety during the restoration process.
- E. Lagman stated that the Maple Ash Neighborhood Association is working with artist Nina Solomon to finish its third artist-adorned standpipe. E. Lagman encouraged the committee to view the standpipe located at the corner of Ash and 10th St.
- E. Lagman announced that ADOT intends to widen the 202 East; this process will affect the Red Mountain Freeway Mural. Lagman has contacted artist Rebecca Ross who contacted artist Jeff East and Tempe Crane to explore the possibility of safely removing the mural’s ten panels of artwork. The city of Tempe Cultural Services Division will provide temporary storage of the artwork.
- E. Lagman announced that Peanut Butter and Jam, a city of Tempe Cultural Services Division event, is taking place from 10 – 11 a.m. on April 21 in the Tempe Community Center Complex Courtyard. The Cultural Services Division is taking initiative to try new marketing strategies as a means to increase attendance at the event.
- B. Fahlman inquired about the public art installation at the downtown Transit Center. E. Lagman stated that she has concerns about the placement of the glass lighting in the gabion wall.

- Lise Hawkos stated that she'd like additional information regarding the public art pieces at Tempe Marketplace. Hawkos expressed that the current stylons are not communicating art to the public; Hawkos added that she'd like to see them changed out.

Meeting adjourned by Betsy Fahlman at 5:47 p.m.

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